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BURMESE OPPOSITION UNITES FOR FIRST TIME TO PRESENT COMMON PLATFORM FOR TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY

Prime Minister in Exile and Members of Opposition Groups Present Program for Democratic Transition to UN Security Council, Secretary General for Transmission to Military Regime

August 6 – United Nations, NY – The Prime Minister in Exile of the **National Coalition Government of the Union**

of Burma, and officials of the **National Council of the Union of Burma**, will present to the United Nations tomorrow. August 7th, the first united program for transition to democracy in Burma, asking the UN Security Council and Secretary General to transmit the program to the military regime in Rangoon.

The *Proposal for National Reconciliation Towards Democracy & Development in Burma* is the result of an unprecedented alliance of pro-democracy parties and ethnic groups both those exiled and within Burma, who have agreed on a fully-fledged program for a transition to democracy. The program sets out clear and detailed steps for the necessary transition to democracy in Burma, in dialogue with members of the military regime. The Burmese opposition will brief the UN press corps tomorrow on the detailed policy program.

According to **Prime Minister Sein Win**: “*This assembly of opposition and ethnic groups presents a turning point in Burmese history. For the first time, we have all come together to agree a common platform for transition to democracy in Burma. The program offers a clear and peaceful route forward, that can be achieved in dialogue with the military regime. We are asking the United Nations and the international community to ensure that the regime engages in this dialogue, so that at last democracy and stability can be achieved in Burma.*”

WHAT	Press briefing on the Proposal for National Reconciliation towards democracy and development in Burma as Delivered to UN Security Council and Secretary General by United Burmese Opposition
WHO	Dr. Sein Win , Prime Minister in Exile, National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB) U Bo Hla-Tint , Foreign Affairs Minister, National Council Government

	of the Union of Burma (NCGUB)
	U Maung Maung, General Secretary, National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB)
WHERE	UNCA Press Club, UN headquarters, New York
WHEN	Friday, August 7, 11 ET

Opposition members will assemble in Jakarta on 12-13 August to confirm the proposal for a transition to democracy.

Signatories to the Proposal for National Reconciliation Towards Democracy & Development in Burma:

*National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma
 National Council of the Union of Burma
 Democratic Alliance of Burma
 Members of Parliament Union
 National Democratic Front
 National League for Democracy (Liberated Area)
 Ethnic Nationalities Council
 Women's League of Burma
 Forum for Democracy in Burma
 Students and Youth Congress of Burma
 Nationalities Youth Forum*

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